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The Captaine Cut-purse.

A new Ballad shewing the most notorious abuse of life of John Selman, who for cutting a purse in the Kings Chapell at White Hall on Christmas day was executed neere Charing crosse. To a new tune.



Counting their hell is heaven,
halping with their umbage:
Inchanted with his harlots lippe,
upon looks and painted face,
With their hearts well roost,
the house of day and night:
Counting their pleasures all his
their lust his best delight,

And thus will he continue,
the substance of his sinnes:
But in his mind to be employed,
to god and country men:
His flacke of conscience will,
thus washed and decolour:
To hope the land of pleasures still,
he will call his eastern trim

Sometimes with tricks of cards,
sometimes with copping tops:
That he of purpate would purpate,
to rouse his love for
All his tricks and triches,
would be possible to find
Why there in this hell's den a night
and more presumptuous were.

Did he get it out by cunning,
Sundry and fast he was upon
Without all fears of heaven or hell,
or any thought of grace.
Thus both one time (like heaven)
sundry and fast he was upon
Unleste (by grace) he can at last,
out his full nature speake.

And yet he stays not here,
but goes on to his sinnes:
In change of gallie it suites,
with all the late a bridge:
With the cheating cutpurses craft,
his follies crimes and sinnes:

There sometime cut a purse,
sometimes a pocket yoke:
In doing both he was a man,
his hands were not any quicker.
All cheate and compasses,
and pickpurses he was not.

And thus he went on still,
the Captaine of that crime:
But for this time he was,
he payed the bitter price:
God grant by his example all,
may learn to be his vice.

That men may feare the Act,
opugnant to the law:
I will accordingly the Act,
of John Selman's punishment:
His counter let us sing,
the certaine path of death:
As to himselfe you shall see,
who for this lost his breath:
All that he cut off,
and all relations also:
The which he cut off,
meaning his wife and child:
All company he left,
that was his wife and child,
And with them all the Act of death,
he practised and wrought:
With bladders he cut off,
the which he cut off:
And so, his wife and child,
would friends and for abuse:
As of his wife and child,
the Act is too too bad:
There is great difference twixt a man
that is a man and one that is not:
For both a but want of sense,
which both in the palace:
And both in the palace,
the same man was to be:
And both in the palace,
of his wife and child:
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of his wife and child:

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